

in Honduras want. You can stimulate chaos if you pay enough money and bring enough people in to do that, which was the intent of President Zelaya.

My hope is that we will slow down, that we will use caution at every turn as we interface with the situation. The Honduran people have the right to have their Constitution followed. That is what they did when they executed the imposition of removal of the President of Honduras. They followed their own law, their own Constitution. They don't have the right of impeachment, but they do have the right of carrying out the orders of the supreme court, which were given. For us to take this position—and this strong of a position—on what I feel has been a diplomatic lack of information of what is truth in Honduras speaks poorly for us as a nation and, most importantly, undermines the hopes of the people from Honduras.

With that, I yield the floor and note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### DISCLOSURE OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I submit pursuant to Senate rules a report, and I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

##### DISCLOSURE OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

I certify that the information required by rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate related to congressionally directed spending items has been identified in the committee report which accompanies S. 1294 and that the required information has been available on a publicly accessible congressional website at least 48 hours before a vote on the pending bill.

#### PROMOTING U.S.-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Dr. Georg Schulze Zumkley and members of his team at the German Information Center USA for their dedication in promoting

friendship between the United States and Germany. Dr. Zumkley's work to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift is truly appreciated.

In the spring of 1948, Berlin was isolated within the Soviet occupation zone and had only 35 days' worth of food and 45 days' worth of coal remaining for the city. A massive American, British, and French airlift mounted to save the city and provide supplies necessary to sustain life in Berlin. Mr. President, 2008 marked the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, one of the largest and longest running humanitarian airlift operations in history.

Dr. Zumkley's group was given the mission to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, honor Airlift veterans, and tell the story of this great humanitarian effort. They planned and implemented the successful "Friends-Always: 60 Years After the Berlin Airlift" outreach program, and designed, produced and managed "The Berlin Airlift—A Legacy of Friendship" exhibit at more than 25 venues across the United States. It is estimated that more than 150,000 people will have visited the exhibit personally and learned about the legacy of the Berlin Airlift during its tour of the United States. Dr. Zumkley ensured that Airlift veterans personally received the German-American Friendship award as an expression of appreciation and gratitude from the German people. Additionally, Dr. Zumkley has worked far above and beyond his duties and displayed outstanding leadership qualities in the fulfillment of the team's mission.

I know my fellow Senators join me in thanking Dr. Zumkley and his team for their endeavors to promote U.S.-German friendship and to honor and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift.

#### COMMENDING JANIS LAZDA

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, today I recognize one of the most dedicated members of my staff, Janis Lazda. Janis joined the Senate Finance Committee in 2005 to work on international trade matters, and today he leaves us to become senior policy adviser to the Deputy U.S. Trade Representative. USTR's gain truly is our loss.

For the past 5 years, Janis has demonstrated a quiet intelligence, unquestionable loyalty, and an unwavering commitment to the great State of Montana and this great country. He has worked hard to keep U.S. relations with Asia strong during these challenging economic times, and focused on improving America's competitiveness around the globe. He has spearheaded policies to increase U.S. exports to the world, and brainstormed ways to make international institutions more meaningful.

He has performed all of these tasks diligently and with careful thought. And he has put the needs of Montanans and the American people first. Janis

has witnessed the majestic mountains of Missoula, the bucolic beauty of the Big Hole Valley, and the memorable music of Molt. He met with hard-working people in all of these areas, and across Montana, to hear their thoughts and understand their needs. And he used these experiences to ensure that the policies crafted in Washington are meaningful for folks across America.

Janis has been a sound and knowledgeable adviser. His experience and analysis have been critical to many of the trade policies formulated by the Finance Committee. I thank Janis for his hard work, and wish him well as he takes the next step to what I am sure will be a brilliant future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### COMMENDING VICE ADMIRAL BRUCE E. MACDONALD

• Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, today I honor VADM Bruce E. MacDonald, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, who is retiring after more than 31 years of faithful service to our Nation, culminating in his service as the Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

VADM Bruce MacDonald was born in 1956 in Cincinnati, OH. He graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 1978 with a bachelor of arts degree in English, and entered the Navy in May of that year.

Vice Admiral MacDonald was commissioned an ensign in the unrestricted line through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. Following surface warfare training, he reported to the USS Hepburn, FF 1055, in October 1979, where he served as the Main Propulsion Assistant and Navigator. After a 2-year tour at Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific, where he served as Intermediate Combat Systems Team Training and Advanced Multi-Threat Team Training Course Director, he was selected for the Navy's Law Education Program in 1984. He received his degree of Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law in 1987.

In 1987, Vice Admiral MacDonald reported to Naval Legal Service Office, San Diego, where he served as Senior Defense Counsel, Trial Counsel, and Medical Care Recovery Act claims officer. In 1990, he reported aboard USS Independence, CV 62, as the Command Judge Advocate. After receiving a master of laws degree from Harvard Law School in 1992, he was transferred to Seoul, Republic of Korea, where he served as Chief, Operational Law Division, on the staffs of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea. He also served as Staff Judge Advocate on the staff of U.S. Naval Forces Korea.

In August 1994, Vice Admiral MacDonald reported aboard Naval Legal Service Office Northwest as its executive officer. In November 1996, he became the Officer-in-Charge of Trial